

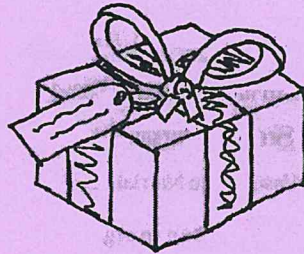
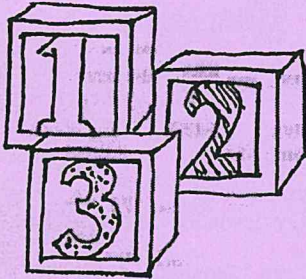


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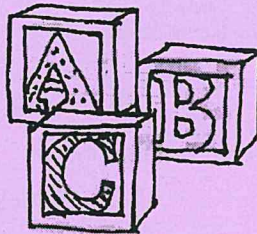
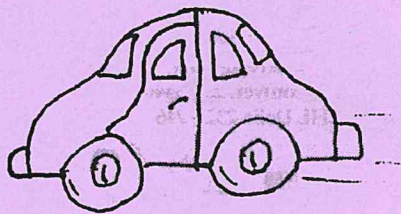
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From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the noble and generous people of al-Barran do your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, send good tidings. May your hearths be warm and your larders be full. The growing season has been bountifull

We offer heartfelt gratitude to Dona Maria for making Esperanza III a totally outstanding day in the park! Many good gentles came out and enjoyed the wide variety of activities throughout the day. We truly enjoyed the flamboyant and sometimes comedic stylings of the numerous heralds in the grand procession. There were Arts and Sciences displays, plenty of good food, and camaraderie for everyone present. Great job, Maria and all those who helped!

We invite all to join us in visiting on neighbor's to the South on the third day of November for St. Golias Feast Day. Their hospitality and good friendship is always evident in the sumptuous dishes and merry dances served up at Feast Day. Are hearts have already begun to dance with anticipation! Please bring a friend as we join the college members in remembering those friends who have passed on.

The pageantry of the Outlands Coronation will be hosted by the shire of Fontaine dans Sable, the second weekend of November. Please come and enjoy the moving ceremonies of the day as we celebrate the crowning of a new King and Queen.

The generosity of all the good gentles of the barony will be known the weekend of November 17th and 18th. Saturday afternoon, the Company of Saint Martin will host a tournament to benefit the kingdom war effort. In the evening, we will join together for a great Masked Ball. Sunday, mountains of toys, the size of which will rival the Sandias, will form in the park as we gather for the annual Toys for Tots tournament. The ability to give to those less fortunate is a gift in itself.

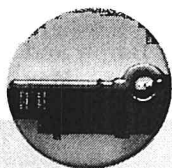
Due to unfortunate misgivings, the date for the Scorpion's hockey game has been changed. We will enjoy the thrill of the ice on Friday, December 14th. Please contact Lord James David for tickets.

May you and your families be safe in your journeys until merrily we meet together again!

Trevor
Baron

Fermina
Baroness

From the Seneschal



Greetings,

Well, another month and another slate of events for everyone. Here in al-Barran we have the triplet weekend, St. Martin's Day Tournament, Masked Ball, and Toys for Tots. So there is something for everyone on the weekend of November 17th and 18th. Feel like participating in pageantry and fighting then go to St. Martins. Feel like some dancing and revelry, well the Masked Ball is for you. Feel like you need to develop the philanthropist part of you personality more, then Toys for Tots is right up your alley. Feel like escaping for a weekend without leaving town, then November 17th and 18th is your ticket away. For more information on those events then look a few pages down.

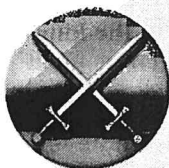
Let it be known that the officers of the barony are here to help you in your pursuits in the SCA. They are a great resource for everyone, not just auto-crats or someone doing something 'official'. If you have a question they can usually answer it or point you in the right direction. The officers of our barony work particularly hard. With that in mind, if you need them, you need to give them advance notice. This is especially true if they have to go and do something for you as opposed to just answering a question. Please bear in mind that, like yourself, they have lives outside the SCA (hopefully).

Ok, off the soapbox thanks for listening.

In Service,

Sjerne

From the Knight Marshal



Greetings:

Thank you to all who helped with Baronial Champions and Esperanza, and congratulations to the winners of the tournaments at these events. It is once again, time for our annual Toys for Tots Tournament. Look for this to be held on Sunday the 18th. Bring plenty of toys, and a desire to have fun. Wrapped around this event is, also the St. Martin's Tournament and the Masked Ball on the 17th. We should all plan on having a great time that weekend.

I would just like to remind everyone that we are now having War practice at fighter practice. This begins at 11:00 am every Sunday. The more we work now the more fun we will have destroying our enemy on the field at Estrella. I would encourage you to attend as often as possible. Also, make sure that your membership and fighter authorization cards are current, and bring them with you to every practice. If you are not an authorized heavy weapons marshal, and would like to be, I will be teaching a marshalling class on Sundays at fighter practice beginning in December. The class will begin at about 10:30 am, and be finished in time to marshal the fighting. I would

at about 10:30 am, and be finished in time to marshal the fighting. I would encourage all who would like to become authorized to attend. You do not need to be a fighter to marshal, and it is a very up close and personal way to see the fighting at War.

In conclusion, I would like to address the issue of safety for a moment. The last time I conducted armor inspection at practice, I found several violations, and worse yet, some individuals knew that they were in violation before they got inspected. The rules that we use are in place to prevent serious injury or death. Please keep your armor up to standards at all times. Just because it is a practice does not mean that injuries cannot occur, or be just as serious.

Yours in Service,

James David

From the Outgoing Rapier Marshal

To One and All,

In the barony of al Barran there lies a great and noble office. The rapier marshal of al Barran is responsible for nurturing and fostering those who wish to learn the art of fencing. I have come to the end of my term as rapier marshal and wish to extend the baton to one who is worthy. Lord Coinneach has been my deputy for my term of office and will be a great successor. Please welcome him and offer a helping hand as we make this transition in the near future. I have really enjoyed my term as rapier marshal and feel I have grown and learned a lot in that time. I regret to say that Don Wolfgang and I will be moving to the northern reaches of our Kingdom to Caerthe at the end of the year. We will visit often since our families and hearts are here.

Respectfully,

Rowena



From the Outgoing Hospitaller

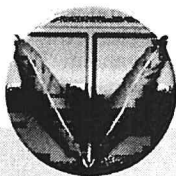
Greetings to the populace of al-Barran!

My time as Hospitaller has come to a close. I would like to thank all of those people who supported me through this wondrous experience: Their Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina, Duchess Aziza, Lord Stjerne, Duchess Madigan, Master Adam, THL Delia, THL Sabia, Lord Thorkell, Lady Browen Blackwell, Caroline, and many others. I know that I could not have done it without the support of these people and of all the others of the Barony and Kingdom.

In Service,

Molle

From the Chronicler



Greetings unto the populace of al-Barran!

Expired subscriptions for October were 19, of that number I have had 3 renewals done so far; expired subscriptions may be renewed two ways. The usual way to renew your subscription is to send your check for \$10 to the address on the back cover of the Baronial Shaft. A second way is to meet with me at the park on Sundays, I am usually at the park on Sunday from 10-10:30 am until around 2:00 pm. It is best to check with me through a phone call or email (both listed on the inside front cover) by the Saturday before and I will make sure to look for you and stay at the park until we can meet and get your subscription going again.

The chronicler's office needs Help! In other words, I am looking for a deputy chronicler. The person(s) volunteering will need to have a computer with printer and an email account. So, if you think learning this job with an eye to being the chronicler in the future is something you want to do, please contact me.

And as always artwork, articles, stories, and so on are needed and wanted by the chronicler for future issues. Especially needed is an article on camping tips for the January issue (for War), if you think you don't have enough tips for an article send them or give them to me anyway, several submissions can then be compiled into one article, and the credit goes to all involved. This is your newsletter; you can help me make it the best it can possibly be, so please send me your articles, artwork, stories, etc.

In Service,

Kathus



A Call for Loaner Armour

Unto the populace of al-Barran I send a call out for loaner armour.

I will be at fighter practice every Sunday. If you have loaner armour that you would like me to assign out to new fighters, please bring it to fighter practice. If you are worried about it not being returned; all loaner armour will be engraved with an inventory number and everyone will be signing for its use. It is to be loaned out and returned the every same day.

If you require loaner armour, you must contact me at 203-0277 by Friday of each week.

In service,

Tankred d' Ebonyon

Loaner armour deputy marshal

St. GOLIATH FEAST DAY

College of St. Goliath (Socorro, NM)

November 3 A.S. XXXVI (2001)

New Mexico Tech Athletic Field & Student Activity Center

New Mexico Tech, 801 Leroy Pl., Socorro NM 87801

Site opens: 10 am; Site closes: 10 pm

Restrictions: Site is DRY; no dogs; limit of 80 reservations

Fees: \$5.00 site fee / \$10.00 site & feast

Make checks payable to: "SCA - al-Barran"

Consulting varied and arcane books, Torcailmada, the Once and Future Abbot of the Moth Eaten Order of Saint Goliath, has determined that it is again time for the highly moveable and always enjoyable Feast Day of Saint Goliath, being held this year on November 3rd. The Feast Day of Saint Goliath is a time to gather together, to have fun, to feast, and to remember with warmth and fondness of those who have passed on before us. To raise a glass in their memory, so that they shall never be forgotten; that we remember them in our hearts.

There will be the Defender of Goliath heavy weapons tourney and the Blade of Goliath light weapons tourney; games for all follow the tourneys. Rumor has it that the time honored game of Goliards everywhere, ROCKI, shall be re-introduced.

While the feast is still being nailed down as of this writing (pesky critters just won't stay still), a preliminary menu follows (caveat: menu is liable to change at the whim of the cooks):

Vegetable pottage

Lentils and rice

Beef Chewets

Honeyed chickpeas

Assorted dessert(s)

Beef Barley soup

Bird in Sawce

Grilled sausages

Bread and butter

Note: if you have ANY type of food allergy, no matter how strange, PLEASE let us know! We will be delighted to work around them. There is absolutely no need for anyone to go away from a Goliard feast hungry -you are our guests.

Early reservations are highly encouraged. Reservations will be taken up to October 31st. To place your reservations, please contact the Autocrat (contact information below). Please provide the following information:

SCA Name and mundane name

Number attending and site & feast / site only

A contact e-mail or phone number

Directions to New Mexico Tech Athletic Field:

From the north: Take I-25 south to Exit 150. Turn right at the third traffic light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (Student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field.

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From the south: Take I-25 north to either: A) Exit 150 and follow above instructions or; B) Take Exit 147 and head north to make a left turn at the fourth traffic light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (Student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field.

Autocrat / Reservationist / Bottle washer: Torcail Gilleghaolain (Tony Perreault), 1003 Monte Vista, Socorro, NM 87801-5054. Phone: (505) 835-1632; E-mail: tperreau@nrao.edu

OUTLANDS CORONATION

November 10, A.S.XXXVI (2001)

Shire of Fontane dans Sable, Holiday Inn, 600 E. Broadway,
Farmington NM 87401, (505) 327-9811

Fees: Site & Feast: \$15.00 ; Site only: \$5.00

Site is wet

Come one, Come all to the Coronation of Their Royal Highnesses Sir Mealgwen McCain and Cainnleach Uisier of Glendalough.

Coronation will occur the first thing on Saturday morning November 10th. Tournaments will be held in Burg Park 2 blocks from the Holiday Inn at the intersection of San Juan Blvd. and Scott Ave, through out the day. Feast will begin around 5 PM at Their Majesties discretion. Feast will be held at the Holiday Inn. There will be an A&S competition as well as a silent Auction. The proceeds for the auction will go to the kingdom fund. All donation of items for this auction are greatly appreciated. Peer circles will be held at The Holiday Inn on Sunday the 11th.

There is a small amount of room available for merchants at the Park to make reservations please contact the autocrat.

Advanced reservations are needed for Feast. The menu will have a choice of a Prime Rib dinner, Turkey dinner, Ham dinner, or Vegetarian Pasta. Non-Alcoholic beverages will be available at the feast. A cash bar will also be open during the feast and during the revel following. The Holiday Inn has also agreed to a special room rent of \$52.00 per night with no limit to the number of persons you can squeeze into the room. Mention the SCA when you make your room reservations with the Holiday Inn. Due to the need to let the Holiday Inn know how many of each dish to prepare it will be necessary for Feast reservations to be made and paid for in advance. Reservations can be made through the autocrat or co autocrat listed below.

There is a limited amount of crash space available as well please contact the autocrat or co-autocrat.

Directions: From Aztec take Hwy 516 to Farmington; at San Juan Blvd. Turn left go 2 lights turn left on Scott Ave. Go 2 blocks to Holiday Inn. From Bloomfield, take Hwy 64 to Farmington; Stay on Hwy 64 (which becomes Broadway) to the Holiday Inn. From Shiprock, take Hwy 64 to Farmington; stay on Hwy 64 (which becomes Broadway) to the Holiday Inn.

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SECOND St. MARTIN'S DAY TOURNAMENT

Barony of al-Barran, November 17, AS XXXVI (2001)

Jeanne Bellamah Park, 11400 Rosemont St.

Albuquerque, NM 87110

List opens 10:00 am

Fees: \$1 per Challenge fight

To the good people of the Barony of al-Barran and to all others who read this letter, the Knights and Ladies of the Company of Saint Martin send warm greetings and invitations to all:

The Company of Saint Martin will host its second late fifteenth century style prize tournament in order to raise money for the Outland's war effort. The prizes shall be thoughtful and generous, the Ladies shall be beautiful, and the competition fierce as the Company shall accept all challenges and do battle with all challengers of the day. Last year the Fighting was glorious and honorable and this year should be no different. We will honor all challenges we were unable to finish last year at this year's tournament.

The style of the tournament shall be single combat to three solid blows. Each entrant in the lists shall purchase as many challenge fights as they wish for one dollar apiece. The fighter will then inform the herald which Knight or Lady of the Company of Saint Martin they wish to face in honorable combat. Once the Herald has issued the challenge the fight shall begin using standard Outlands fighting conventions until one of the opponents had acknowledged three solid blows. The blows may be to any standard target, thus two leg blows and one head blow on one of the opponents would end the fight. Once the bout is over the participants shall exit the field and Her Excellency, The Right Honorable Baroness of al-Barran and the Ladies of the Rose shall determine the winner of the fight, basing their decision of the courtesy, chivalry and fighting prowess of the two contestants.

Each of the members of the Company shall provide a fine prize for the tournament. (Thus there shall be at least 10 prizes in all) Her Excellency, Lady Fermina and her Ladies-in-Waiting shall determine the overall victor of the Tournament. They will then award the prizes to the combatants as they see fit.

So come bring all your weapons and your dollars in order to do battle to gain honor and renown. Show off your courtesy and your fighting prowess before the Baroness and the Ladies of al-Barran. Come test your skill against the Company of Saint Martin.

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The tournament will be held November 17th, 2001 at Jeanne Bellamah park (the fighter practice park) in the Barony of al-Barran, sign up starting at 10:00 am. (This is the day before Toys for Tots) It was a little cold last year so please dress accordingly.

If you have any questions please contact the event coordinators:

Countess Aindrea Mac Cullaich c/o Wendy Dodd 2905 Tahiti Court NE, Alb NM 87112

(505) 299-2476, WendyDodd@aol.com

Or

Sir Artan Mac Ailin c/o Jeff Cunico 1304 Kentucky NE, Alb NM 87110

(505)256-4568, Jcunico@global-works.com



AL-BARRAN MASKED BALL

November 17, A.S.XXXVI (2001)

La Mesa Presbyterian Church

7401 Copper NE, Albuquerque, NM

Site Opens at 11:00 am; Site closes at 11:00 pm

Fee: \$7.00 at the door; or \$5.00 with a toy (for Toys for Tots)

Site is dry

Bonsoir Monsieurs and Mademoiselles,

As the summer comes to a close, we cordially invite one and all to the al-Barran Masked Ball. Adorn your feet with your dancing shoes and yourself with your finest French attire, for as much fun and revelry shall all day transpire. Join us during the day to refresh your dancing steps or to learn anew, for the grace and style that it will revive in you.

Fine French cuisine will be served as a sideboard, so feast gear is helpful. Masks will be offered as site tokens, but feel free to make your own as a contest will be held. Dance classes are from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The ball is from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

Directions: Take your best route to I-40 and the southern Louisiana exit. Travel south on Louisiana past Lomas by 3 blocks to Copper, turn left onto Copper and continue down 3 blocks to La Mesa Presbyterian Church. Church is between Mesilla and Espanola streets. Parking is in the lot or on side streets.

Please call Lady Tessa for Reservations.

Autocrat: Lady Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn (Jennifer Jones), 4011 Glenn Drive SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105; telephone is (505) 203-3034.

Feastocrat: Lord Clovis Martell (Louis Auletta); telephone is (505) 872-6136.

TOYS FOR TOTS ~~AL-BARRAN~~

Barony of al-Barran, November 18, AS XXXVI (2001)

Site opens at 9:00am Site closes at 7:00pm

Jeanne Bellamah Park 11400 Rosemont St.

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Fees: New unwrapped toy

Site is DRY

On Sunday, November 18, 2001, the mighty Barony of al-Barran will be hosting its eleventh annual Toys for Tots Tourney at Jeanne Bellamah Park. Events will include both Heavy and Light weapons fighting, melees, and other outdoor games. The entry fee will be a new, unwrapped toy. In addition, there will be an Arts & Sciences Competition with the usual theme of best Scorpion in any medium.

There will also be delicious meats, cheeses, breads, veggies, and fruits served for the enjoyment of the populace this fine day. But there is still something missing for we know in al-Barran the sweet tooth craving is extreme, and ask for help from the populace to fill this need by bringing your favorite dessert. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the food coordinator, Bronwen, at 281-6440, or by email at bronwyn@alnwick.net. Also, volunteers are always needed in all areas.

Our Barony will not be able to count the toys collected at the hockey game in our official tally this year because the game is after the 18th, so it is important that our populace bring as many toys as possible to the park on the 18th. If you can collect donations from your place of employment, and would be willing to do this, I can provide you with Toys for Tots promotional posters. This will not only help our Barony retain its rightful place as champion toy collector in our Kingdom, but more importantly will provide even more children with a joyous holiday season.

Autocrat: Lord James David (Jim Doyle), PO Box 454, Moriarty, NM 87035
Phone (505) 832-5393



SCORPIONS HOCKEY GAME DEMO

December 14, AS XXXVI (2001)

The New Mexico Scorpions Hockey Team has once again graciously invited our Barony to a game this season. Last year the Barony was invited to attend a match in all our scorpion regalia. In exchange, the team allowed us to collect toys for our Toys for Tots effort. We are scheduled to attend on Friday, **December 14th** this year. Tickets will once again be \$7.00. If you missed last year's match, you certainly will want to attend this time. Ask anyone that attended how much fun was had, and this will become a must do activity on your calendar. Contact Lord James David (505) 832-5393

AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER CELEBRATION

December 15-16 AS XXXVI (2001)

Youth Hall, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Fees: Site and Feast: \$15

Make checks payable to: "SCA - al-Barran"

Their Excellencies Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran invite one and all to come and enjoy the upcoming midwinter festivities.

To honor the mighty baron of al-Barran, Sir Trevor, the theme for this year's Midwinter Celebration will be German. All are encouraged to wear German garb from any time within our Period.

The evening's revelry will include court dancing in the main hall as well as drumming and Middle Eastern dancing in the tavern. These and other activities will begin after feast and court. Any alcohol must be purchased on site from the vendor.

The sumptuous German feast whose delectables span the period is only \$15 (including site fee). In the past, this feast has sold out so be sure to send your reservations, including SCA name, modern name, and check to:

Midwinter Feast
P.O. Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

The Saturday feast, court and revelry will take place at the traditional site of the Leon Harms Youth Hall at the State Fair Grounds. Enter at Gate 4 from San Pedro, just south of Central. War Practice will occur the next day, Sunday, at Jeanne Bellamah Park.

Autocrat - Lady Molly of the Willows, 888-2440 or molly@silicon-desert.com
Feast Coordinator - THL Sabia, (505) 326-6060 or ldysabia@aol.com

This year's Midwinter Feast will be composed of German Food selected from the recipes located in the manuscripts *Ein Buch von Guter Spise* (German, c.1350), *Das Kuchbuch der Sabrina Welserin* (1553), and *Ein New Kochbuch* (c. 1581). The Feast coordinator will be Sabia, and Lord Vladimir will be the head cook assisted by the saucier Wilhelm. Please contact Sabia if you have any allergy concerns, she can be reached at (505) 326-6060 or at thoon@da.state.nm.us.

On Table: BREAD, BUTTER, COMPOTE, SULZE (ASSORTED PICKLED VEGGIES), SHROVE TUESDAY DONUTS, APPLE SAUCE.

1st Course: PFEFFERPOTTBAST (BEEF PEPPER POT), RICE, SAUTEED SQUASH, SWEET ONION SALAD, CHEESE PASTRY AND ROASTED PEARS.

2nd Course: FLADEN (FAST AND FEAST PIES), RINDFLEISCH KNÖDEL (MEATBALLS IN SAUCE), MUSHROOMS, PEAS AND ONIONS, SPATETZLE.

3rd Course: ROASTED PORK WITH MUSTARD SAUCE AND SAURKRAT, APPLE TORTA, SALAD OF MIXED GREENS.

Dessert: LEBKUCHEN, LEPESHKI, SEED CAKE, FRUIT TARTS, AND OTHER ASSORTED DELIGHTS.

Estrella War Press Release

The Estrella War Treaty is online the Outlands Website at
<http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/Estrella/OutlandsatWar.html>
And that the Categories for the arts point are:

Herbal Craft - defined as any herbal-based product excluding medicinals that is appropriate to the period of SCA interest.

Casting - defined as any item cast from an appropriate metal used during the period of SCA interest.

Leatherwork - defined as any item made primarily from leather that is appropriate to the period of SCA interest.



Esperanza Thank You

Please join me in thanking those who made this event a success. These people along with their teams worked very hard. You all have my heart felt thanks and appreciation.

Thank you Your Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina for allowing me to autocrat this event and to all the coordinators:

Food: Mistress Cailte and Lord Scarbellious for coffee, tea & lemonade

Tournament Coordinators: Lord Thorkell Bjornsson, Lady Elisabeau du Calais and Lord Gere Thorkellsson

Arts & Sciences: Lady Leonore of Black Diamond

Heraldry: Lord Cristobal Vasquez, Master Balthazar and THL Pendar and their assistants

Court Dancing: Lady Brenna of the Mountain

Youth Activities: Lady Kira McDuff von Lyon

List Mistresses: Mistress Kathry, Comtesse Anne Aliz, Baroness Emma, and Lady Danica

Marshals: James David

Waterbearing: Bria

Special thank you and kudos as well to Lord Ryan and his helpers, and to all the baronial officers for your assistance; to the College of Blaiddwyn for use of the college pavilion, to Sir Needham for your inspired oration on Hope, and to everyone who came and enjoyed the day. Please forgive me if I left anyone out. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and who came out and enjoyed the day. I am humbled and honored by your hard work and it was a privilege to autocrat this event.

There was a gentle taking pictures of the event and I have already contacted him to see about obtaining copies, which I will gladly share if successful.

In service,

Doña Maria Sol de León

Autocrat, Esperanza III

Gammer Gurton's Needle

In November, Gammer Gurton's Needle will be hosted by Duchess Elisheva at her house across from the fighter practice park, 11400 Rosemont Ave. NE, phone-237-2157. I want to thank the many ladies who came every Monday in October to help with the Midwinter site tokens. They made over 300 tassels and the group is now at work on the small beaded scorpion pins. We had lots of fun and I would encourage anyone who wants to get involved with the Barony and meet lots of wonderfully warm and friendly al-Barranians to come to the Monday night GGN meetings. We meet at 7 pm and we do not wear garb so you can come right from work.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.



Court Dancing

There will be five hours of court dance instruction at the court dancing collegium on Saturday, November 17, noon to 5PM at the Masked Ball site in al-Barran. This will be a chance to review or learn the dances to be danced that evening at the masked ball, as well as to learn some new dances. Regular court dance practice will also be held at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) on Sundays, 4th, 11th, and 18th in November, from 1-3PM. Come join us at the Toys for Tots event on the 18th at fighter practice park, for some court dancing by the populace and by the al-Barranian Court Dance Performance Troupe. Our thanks to THLady Delia for her generous donation of some audiotapes to our performance group. A special thank you also to Lady Isabella al-Harith, Lady Kira, Lord Canus, Lady Barbara, Lord Cameron, Brenna, Jeremy, and Jade (14) who traveled to Fontaine dans Sable (Farmington, NM) to perform at the Farmington Renaissance Faire Demo on behalf of al-Barran, and to Morgan who ran our sound system for us there.

I have started 3 youth court dance performance groups from the youth who attend our court dance practices from 1-3 p.m. at fighter practice park on Sundays. Any youth, age 7 through 19, is welcome to be a member of these groups. They will be performing at Mid-Winter. I would like the younger children, ages 7 through 9, to be there for practice from noon to 1PM, as their needs and abilities are different from the older youth. Please call me at 293-7453 or e-mail me at krega@aps.edu for additional information.

Yours in service,

Barbara

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Mstr. Tore's & Ldy. Sylvia's home. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., Animal Services Building, 8920 Lomas NE, east of Karl Malone Toyota. *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*



Court Dance Practice

In November, Sundays (4, 11, 18), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Dance practice is open to everyone age 7 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Front side (east) of Carlisle Gym, at UNM; gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitor lots or across Central Avenue, valid UNM permit parkers may use the lot West of Carlisle Gym. *Contact: Lord Ryan 265-3142*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Period Acting

Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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